

Promoting inclusivity in academic writing

Sponsor *Intervention* writing workshops for researchers and practitioners

Bridging practice and research

Supported by *Intervention* journal, ARQ National Psychotrauma Centre provides writing workshops aimed at supporting MHPSS practitioners and early career researchers, including those from LMICs, to grow their academic writing skills. Writing workshops support actors with limited background in academic writing to build the skills needed to document and disseminate knowledge on MHPSS in line with the standards of peer-reviewed journals. **We envision inclusive academic publishing, encompassing the knowledge and experience of researchers and practitioners from the Global South. Our writing workshops are therefore a critical part of our mission to bridge these gaps in MHPSS.**

In 2023, ARQ provided an Academic Writing Workshop for researchers at Amref International University in Mombasa, Kenya, within the framework of the DiSoCo international research consortium. Currently, ARQ is collaborating with The Denis Mukwege Centre of Excellence (CEDM) at Evangelical University in Africa (UEA) to provide a writing workshop to early career researchers from UEA and its partners in the DRC, Rwanda, and Burundi. The writing workshop will be followed by a training of trainers (ToT) to ensure academic writing skills can be institutionalised within the university.



An open access, peer reviewed journal

Intervention, the Journal of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Conflict Affected Settings is an inclusive, open access journal published twice per year under the auspices of ARQ National Psychotrauma Centre (ARQ). The journal publishes peer-reviewed articles, field reports, and personal reflections relevant to individuals working in (protracted) conflict affected areas, humanitarian emergencies, and those working with refugees worldwide. The aim is to bring together knowledge from different fields and regions to encourage best-practices and co-learning within our community of MHPSS professionals. *Intervention* invites submissions from a wide range of practitioners, including those with lived experience, researchers, academics, and policymakers involved in MHPSS. In particular, the journal welcomes first time authors and offers coaching and support in writing for academic publications. The issues are accompanied by webinars on timely topics for the MHPSS community globally.

Sponsoring *Intervention* writing workshops

International or local partners interested in sponsoring a writing workshop for a group of MHPSS practitioners or early career researchers will work closely with the development team to co-design the workshop. The writing workshop curriculum will be tailored to meet the needs of the specific target group.

The writing workshop lasts 5 to 6 days, is co-facilitated by ARQ and *Intervention* staff and includes follow up calls to bring the writing to a successful submission. The workshop aims to:

- Increase individual capacity in academic writing;
- Contribute to development of individual academic profiles;
- Globally disseminate knowledge on MHPSS and related fields through the *Intervention* journal;
- Support academic profiling of organisations as generating evidence based work;
- Results in submission of a complete manuscript at *Intervention* or any other journal of choice.

Connect with us

Are you interested in funding a writing workshop to support MHPSS practitioners or early career researchers to contribute their knowledge and experience to an academic journal? ARQ and *Intervention* welcome collaboration to strengthen the representation of MHPSS actors from the Global South in international academic publications. For inquiries, please contact:

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